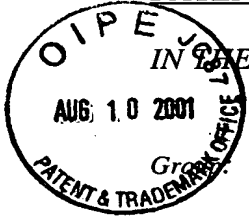


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Gr. No.: 3731 }  
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Applicants: Hans-Juergen Kuhr et al. }  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 4, 2001 regarding the above-identified patent application submitted, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE DRAWINGS

With respect to the Examiner's objections to the drawings cited in paragraph 6 of the Official Action, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Fig. 1, wherein guide groove 7 and pin 13 are shown. Applicants respectfully request that such objections be withdrawn.

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Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

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A check in the amount of \$0 to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached.

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